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Kelly is a very shy and cautious little girl. She does not like sharing secrets or her personal life with anyone but the people she knows.

She has been sick often, and does not want to tell her mom, dad or teacher because they will over react.

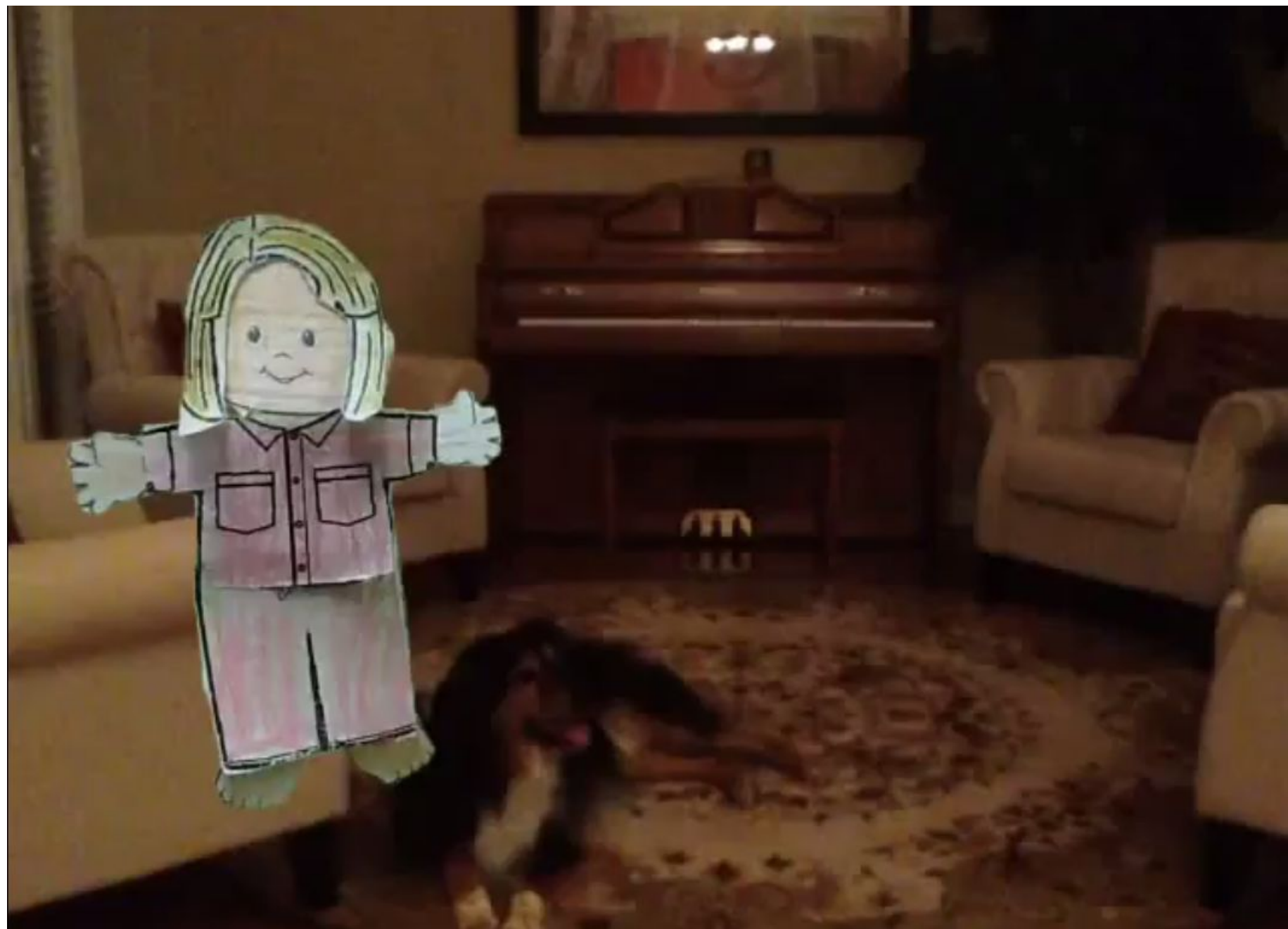
One morning, she still did not feel well. Her rotten headed little brother Brian said, "Get up lazy, time for school!" "I do not feel well" said Kelly. "I should tell Mom." said Brian. "NO!!!!!!!!!!!!" said Kelly.



“Mom! Kelly wants you!” Brian shouted. Kelly yelled “Brian I don’t like you!” “Honey come down stairs,” Mom said softly. “Ugh, I am comingggg!” she yelled.

“Are you sick?” Kelly’s Mom asked. “NO, I am fine.” “Let me feel your head. Your temperature is very high, go lay down. “Do you need a drink, are you ok?”

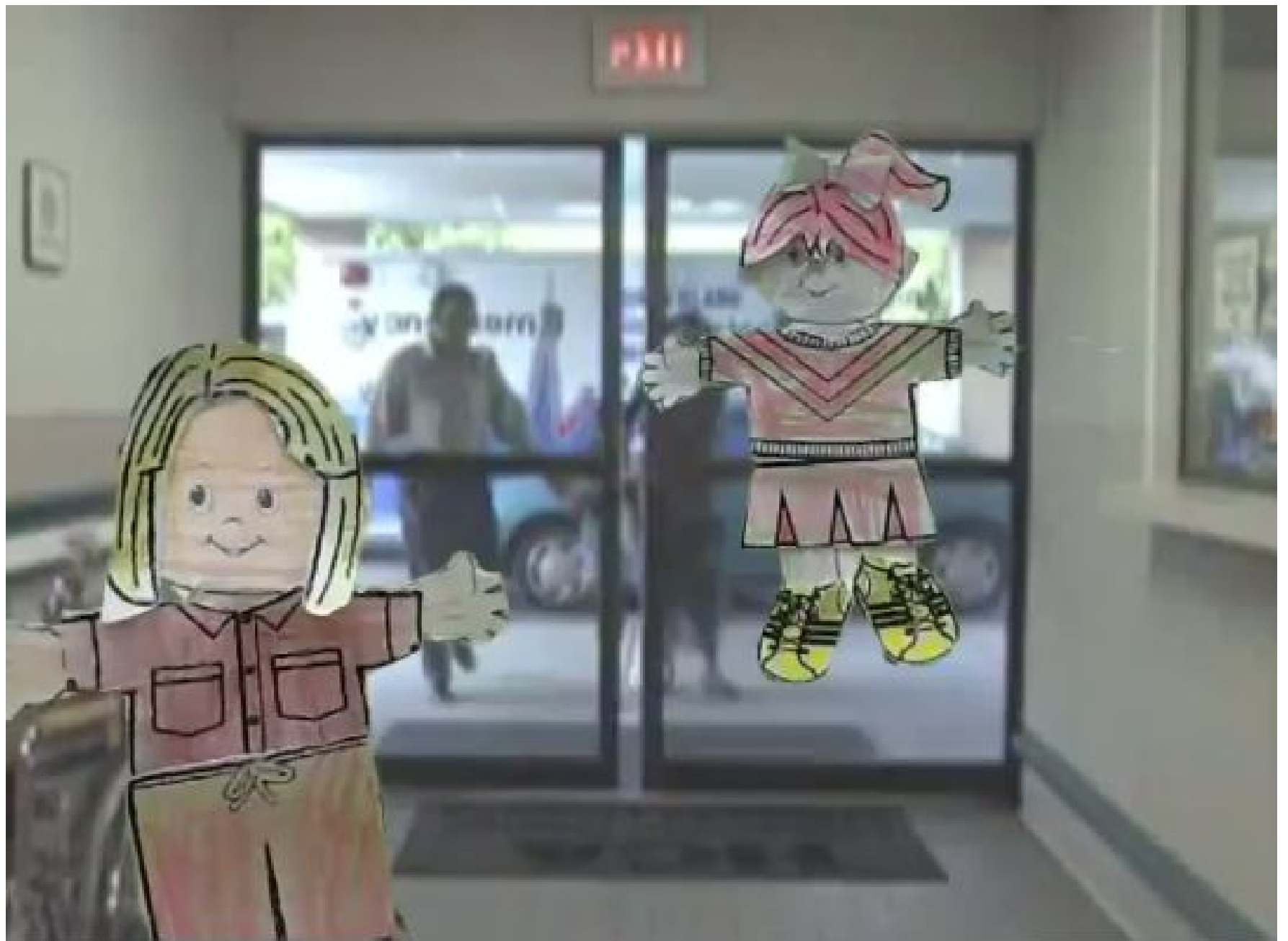
Kelly said “I just want to lay down”. She fell asleep shortly after. When Kelly awoke, she felt better, but her parents still took her to the hospital.



When they got there, Dr. Chavez said that she had to stay overnight so they can run tests to see why she was so sick all the time.

The doctors at Levine Hospital wanted her to stay another night because they did not have any results so they had to run more tests!

Her parents, Bob and Michelle were very concerned so was her brother.



Ryan is Kelly's BFF. They have been BFFs ever since kindergarten. She came to visit her in the hospital today.

Kelly was more than happy to see her. "Kelly, how are you feeling?" said Ryan. Kelly said "I am fine, the doctor said I have to stay for a couple of days so they can examine me."



The next day Doctor Chavez walked in the room. He said "Have a seat, I have some bad news."

The parents were so worried. Doctor Chavez said "I am sorry but your daughter has mertallytotes."

The parents said "WHAT IS THAT!?" Well it is a disease where it turns her into a mermaid when she gets near water.

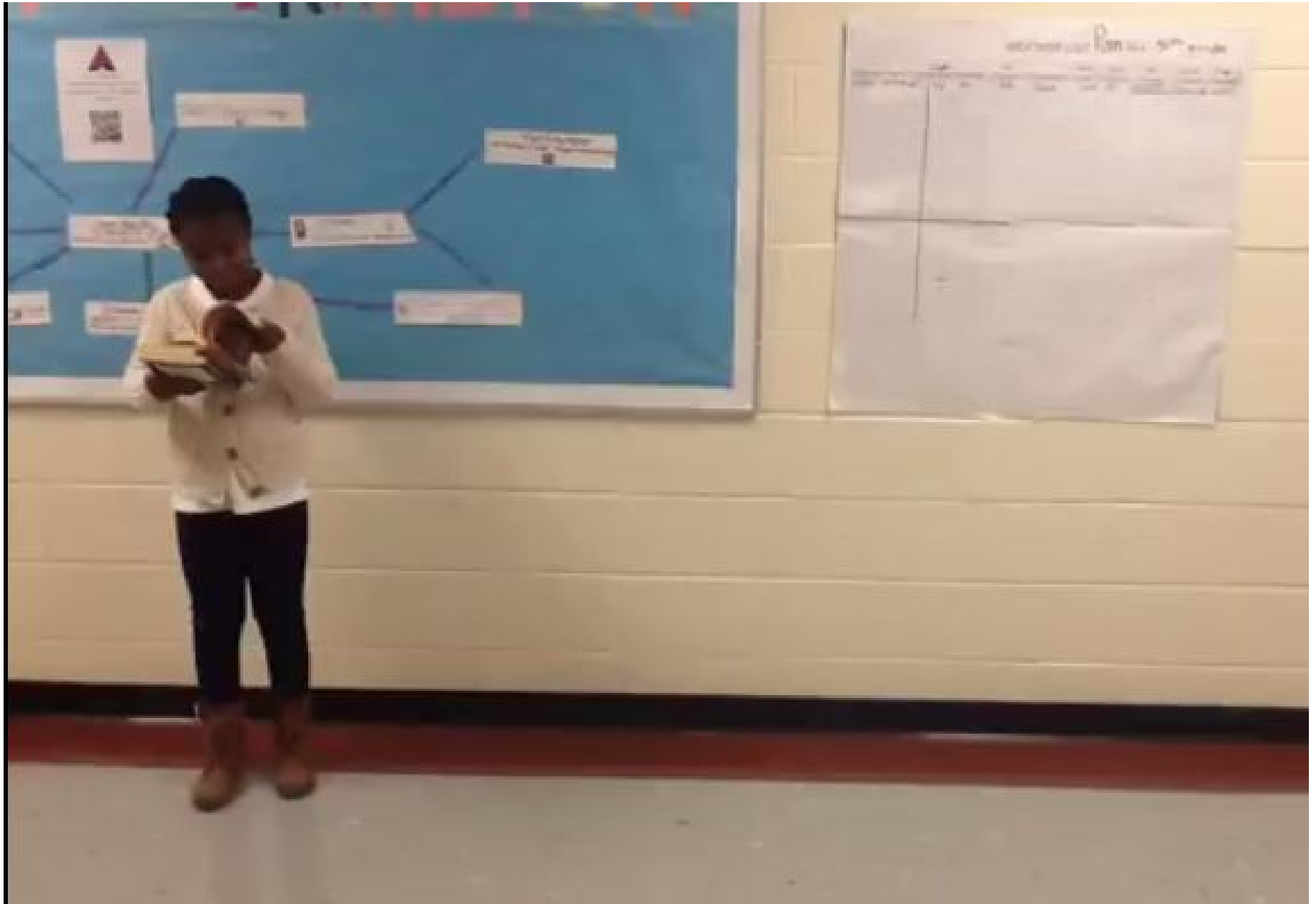
"Oh no!" sobbed the parents." "Just make sure she takes her medicine" whispered Dr. Chavez.



The next day Kelly went to school. When she got there, her friend Ryan was standing in the hall.

“What did the doc say?” asked Ryan. Kelly, doesn’t like sharing much, even to her best friends said “I can't say”. “Tell me!” said Ryan. “I can't“ said Kelly.

After yelling at each other for a few minutes, they went to class.



Kelly felt horrible about having a fight with her best friend.

When Kelly got home to take her medicine, Ryan came over to talk with her about her secret.



“Ryan I will tell you, only if you can keep a secret” said Kelley.
She was hesitant to tell her.

But finally she blurted it out. ”I AM A MERMAID!!!”

Ryan’s jaws dropped because that was her secret too! They
both were stunned.



From that day on they both promised to keep each others secrets.

They now swim together every day.



Kelly started to be more outgoing, and started getting more friends.

Ryan started to teach swim lessons.

They lived happily ever after.

